

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

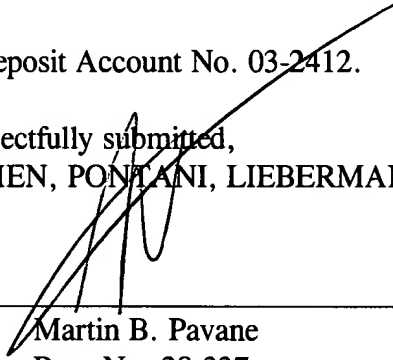
Claims 9-16 are pending in this application, claim 9 being independent. Claim 11 has been withdrawn.

In the Restriction dated August 26, 2003, the Examiner indicated his position that claims 11 and 12 were directed to patentably distinct species, and required election therebetween. Applicant hereby elects claim 12, and withdraws claim 11 with traverse and without prejudice or disclaimer.

Applicant reserves the right to pursue the non-elected claim in a divisional application prior to issuance of a patent on the instant application.

Any additional fees or charges required at this time in connection with the application may be charged to our Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 03-2412.

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